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Dear Curt -

So the secret is out! I have been
dead a long time but I have been trying to
conceal it. Your note gives me proof.

Seriously, though, I can't imagine how
any instructor would allow such a report unless
he is deficient in insight. It is so obvious an
exhibit of frustration of a young female
aspiring to a scientific career. They grasp at
any small bit of evidence that will help
maintain their morale. I well understand that
but hardly feel that I want to carry the
torch even if I had the right to claim that job -
which I obviously don't. If I ever have a

chance to talk with such girls, I can usually
help overcome some of their frustration by being
realistic about women in professions. The facts
are not difficult to see but the emotional
adjustment to them is often serious. So -
I hope the gal digs up some nice hard
details for "the life". I am afraid I haven't
countless many seeds of wildcat but a
vicarious letter would be appreciated!

Thanks for your note. It gave me a good
laugh although a very one.

Cordially,

Barbara